

KINDNESS TO ANIMALS.

The law requires that kindness to animals be taught to pupils in the schools. This is a wise provision of the law, not only for the sake of the proper development of the boys and girls themselves but also for the sake of the animals. Some persons have been known to dispute whether animals can feel, or are really injured by cruel treatment, and others treat their animals in such a manner that it would appear as though they really believed that such creatures were devoid of feeling.

Zoologist H. A. Surface of the Department of Agriculture is responsible for saying all animals have nerves and consequently are so organized as to be capable of feeling or sensation, and that they can be abused in such a way as to cause the most intense pain and suffering. While they do not have the possibility of modified facial expression nor of words to express their feelings yet there can be no doubt of the fact that they suffer from internal as well as from external afflictions.

Animals are subject to pain from hunger, thirst, cold, overheating, internal diseases of many kinds such as indigestion, fever, toothache, earache, headache and other pains that cause mankind to hasten to experts for relief. The most of these are natural, and this alone should be enough to justify our treating them with kind consideration and not adding to their woes. The person who beats his horse or kicks his dog is not only thoughtlessly cruel and destroys the finer sensibility of his own nature but is in many cases inflicting pain or suffering so severe that were the same administered to the person responsible for the blow, he would howl with rage and no doubt attempt to relieve his feelings by a counter attack.

It should be remembered that there are many forms of cruelty besides directly beating the dumb animals with which mankind comes in contact. They may be underfed, when the pangs of hunger or of partial starvation become very severe; they may be watered with ice water that chills the system and checks digestion.

A horse may be severely injured by quickly introducing a frosty bit into its mouth or by hitching it to an iron post where its tongue or lips may touch the freezing iron. Animals are caused to suffer by permitting them to stand in draughts of air and especially in rain, sleet or snow.

Often the harness does not fit properly and causes galls or sores. The smallest part or kind of sore spot should receive attention by washing with warm water, covering with healing ointment and protecting from further abrasions. They should not be driven until the feet are worn so that they become sore and animal lamed. Great suffering is caused by driving an animal over slippery roads or streets. The strain on the muscles and nerves of a horse on a smooth road is almost incredible. It can soon be ruined by such carelessness when rough shoes would serve to protect it.

It is not necessary to discuss all the ways in which it is possible to mistreat animals as the main point in their care is consideration for them. Let the owners put themselves in the position of their livestock long enough to learn whether or not their surroundings are as comfortable as they can be made.

EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATES FOR MINORS

According to a decision of the Attorney General it will be necessary for children between the ages of fourteen and sixteen who attend school but work evenings, mornings and Saturdays, to secure a Vacation Employment Certificate. This allows the pupil to work before and after school hours provided, however, that the hours of school attendance and work do not exceed fifty-one hours in any one week and over nine hours in any one day, and that the pupil shall not be employed before six o'clock in the morning nor later than eight o'clock in the evening. Applications for Employment Certificates must be made in person by the parent or guardian of the minor to school principals, who are empowered to issue these certificates.

A THOUSAND INJURED EACH DAY

Reports of 1,190 injured were received at the state department of labor and industry in Harrisburg in one day last week. Of this number, seven died. Commissioner John Price Jackson announced that every day this year an average of 1,000 injuries has been reported at the department.

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John C. Burket to Amy Burket, Stonycreek, \$130.
Same to Emma May Burket, Stonycreek, \$130.
Priscilla Frazier to Elmer M. Crisinger, Larimer, \$298.
Henry S. Horner to Wm. H. Horner, Jenner, \$1.
John E. Friedline to Quemahoning Branch R. R. Jenner \$1500.
C. F. Barnett to Somerset Street R. R. Co. Conemaugh \$390.
Matilda Baltzer to Lewis Hobernicht, Ursina \$800.
Ernest M. Frestone to Drucilla Boyd, Ursina \$20.
Wm. Foust to Levi Queer, Brothersvalley \$225.
Nelson M. Saylor to Maggie Shaulis Middlecreek \$500.
Chas. H. Tedrow, adm. to Savilla Tedrow, New Centreville \$600.
Levi Queer to Ralph G. Landis, Brothersvalley, \$4,000.
Chas. S. Kreger to Harry E. Lohr Quemahoning Twp, \$125.
Foster Ziegler to Jno. Greza, in Shae township, \$350.
Stewart H. Miller to Edgar H. Pile, Somerset borough \$300.
Caroline Ross to Chas. H. Meyer Shae township, \$350.
William E. Love to John F. Clark, Northampton township, \$650.
Elrich Fleischer heirs to C. Fleischer, Jenner, \$1780.
Catherine F. Yoder to David Yoder, Conemaugh township, \$400.
S. W. Livingston to David Yoder, Conemaugh township, \$1,737.
Rebecca Lambert to M. E. McNeal, Shade township, \$1,200.
O. B. Lohr to John K. Huey, Shade township, \$100.
Marcellus Frazee to Lloyd E. Conneway, Adison Township, \$2500.
H. H. Maust to 20th Century Mfg. Co. Elk Lick township \$50.
Mary Kimmell to Pittsburg, Westmoreland & Somerset Railroad Co., Jefferson township \$10.
Francisco Delaciprete, Windber, to Michael Dellaciprete \$1,400.
Maust Lumber Co. to Lydia D. Shaw, Salisbury \$500.
Philip Reitz to Chas. E. Reitz, in Shade township, \$50.
C. F. Barnett to Somerset Street Railway Company, Conemaugh Twp. \$300.
Drucilla Boyd to Matilda E. Betzler Ursina \$750.
Amanda Husband to Grace Lucile Brallier, Somerset borough, \$1.
William M. Rhodes to William C. Rhodes, Somerset township, \$5,000.
Adam S. Miller's heirs to John S. Miller, Somerset township, \$4,500.

TIMELY HINTS TO SAFEGUARD MACHINISTS.

More than \$1,000,000 in wages were lost by injured employes in Pennsylvania last year according to Commissioner of Labor and Industry, who on Monday issued a Bulletin on "Timely Hints to Safeguard Machinists from Injury."
"Keep all safeguards on gears, belts and other moving parts of machinery," warns the commissioner. "See that others do the same. You may in this way prevent an accident to yourself or your fellow employe."
"Cleaning, oiling, repairing and adjusting of machinery should not be done while machinery is in motion. Do not allow projecting set screws, keys, bolts or other projecting parts on moving machinery. The use of defective hoisting apparatus endangers your safety. Hoisted loads should be securely blocked before work on them is started."
"Loose clothing has very frequently been the cause of many employes getting caught in moving machinery. Keep jackets, sleeves, etc. buttoned or properly fastened. Torn or ragged clothing is a menace to your safety."
"Tools or materials should not be allowed on the floor or passageways. Tripping over such objects, especially when the hands are full, has resulted in many accidents, some of a very serious nature."
"Compressed air apparatus is useful but dangerous. Never point it towards or touch a fellow employe with it. Three deaths resulted last year in the state from 'fooling' with air hose."
"Defective wrenches are a constant source of danger and have caused serious injury to many machinists. Do not use them until repaired."

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Murhl Hensel and Lydia Pile both of Fredens.
Henry T. Sebring and Ilga Shaffer both of Central City.
Justis E. Custer and Marie A. Momenoe both of Benson.
Frank Klimos, of Boswell, and Annie Tate, of Beaverdale, Pa.
Gregory H. Will, of New Baltimore, and Clara F. Fisher, of Allegheny township.

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KEYSTONE PARAGRAPHS

Augustine Gentile was sent to the Allegheny county workhouse for a term of not less than three years or more than four years by Judge G. G. Sloan in criminal court in Pittsburgh, after pleading guilty to sixteen charges of entering a building and sixteen charges of receiving stolen goods. He pawned plunder valued at more than \$2,000 at eighteen pawnshops, receiving \$219 for it. The pawnbrokers were given the option of returning the articles he pawned to the rightful owners and waiving the pawn money or being indicted for receiving stolen goods. They chose the former.

Luigi Gabello, aged thirty-nine, an Italian miner, is the worst mangled patient ever admitted to Altoona hospital. Gabello was struck by an engine at Kittanning Point and received the following injuries: Fractured skull, fractured clavicle, fractured jaw, fractured nose, fractured right arm, crushed at shoulder, severe lacerations of face, forehead, scalp, chest and legs. The right arm was later amputated at the shoulder. The hospital authorities say he may recover.

A preliminary injunction to restrain the United States government from enforcing an order of the interstate commerce commission under the Panama canal act was granted to the Lehigh Valley Railroad company in the United States court in Philadelphia. Final hearing in the case was set for March 17. The order of the commission would require the railroad company to give up its interest in the Lehigh Valley Transportation company, its water line subsidiary.

Declaring the International College of Vitopisly is a "take," Police Commissioner Alderdice of Pittsburgh has closed the place and told William Windsor, the president, who signs the letters L. B. Ph. D., after his name, that if he attempts to open the police will raid the place. Windsor conducted the college in a downtown building and conducted a lecture room in Fifth avenue. The latter place was fitted up with skeletons and skulls.

Although no papers have yet been signed, it can be said with authority that the sale of the Pennsylvania Steel company to Charles M. Schwab for \$48,000,000 virtually has been arranged, subject to approval by the boards of directors of the Pennsylvania company and of the Reading company. The terms are \$90 a share for the preferred stock and \$40 a share for the common.

Earl Miller, aged eighteen, and Edna Hoffman, sixteen, were found in the parlor of the girl's home at Hanover, Pa., each unconscious from a bullet wound in the head. A revolver was in the boy's hand. He died without regaining consciousness and the girl is in a critical condition in the York hospital, unable to tell the cause of the tragedy.

Sheriff Thomas L. Howard of Fayette county has been notified that an execution will be issued in Pittsburgh against the Isabella-Connellsville Coke company for the Colonial Trust company of Pittsburgh, as trustee of the bondholders on a \$7,000,000 mortgage. The property will be sold in the Fayette county courthouse Monday, March 6.

Wehrum mine, No. 3, of the Lackawanna Coal and Coke company at Johnstown, has begun shipping coal after an idleness of twelve years because of an underground reservoir that flooded the entire workings. The mine has been drained by putting in a new entry 1,100 feet deep.

Strains of "Arkansaw Traveler," "Devil's Dream," and the like now float on the atmosphere of the Fayette county jail. Charlie McBride took his trusty violin with him to entertain fellow prisoners and while away the hours during the ten-day sojourn in the county bastille.

To prevent explosions from lamps, the Merchants' Coal company has equipped its 400 miners at Boswell, Somerset county, with storage battery electric lights, doing away with the safety lamps. Nineteen men died as a result of an explosion in this mine about a year ago.

Three men were arrested on charges of passing bogus money on complaints of merchants in Pittsburgh. It is alleged that a score of merchants have been victimized. Mike Fitzski, Paul Yurewicz and Andrew Smith were the men taken into custody.

When a wagon driven by William Ellis was struck by a Highland avenue street car at Fifth and Wilkins avenues, Pittsburgh, one of the horses was killed and Ellis was hurled to the street, suffering lacerations of the face and scalp.

Charles Louden, aged forty, of Lisenring, was found unconscious on a road near his home. He was taken to the Connellsville State hospital. He is suffering from exposure and little hope is entertained for his recovery.

Samuel Feldman, a grocer of McKeesport, has received a letter containing a dime and a statement that it was to pay for several apples stolen from his store more than nine years ago. The letter was unsigned.

In a Pennsylvania railroad coach crowded with California State Normal pupils, Edward Ryan of South Brownsville shot his wife and another woman and her son, and then attempted to end his own life.

PNEUMONIA

United States Public Health Service Suggestions.

Ten per cent of the deaths in the United States result from pneumonia. It is estimated that during the past thirty days this rate has been doubled in some sections. Tuberculosis and heart disease, each causing one-ninth of all fatalities, are the only diseases which outrank pneumonia among the legion of the men of death, but in certain cities pneumonia is steadily increasing and even has surpassed the mortality from tuberculosis. Seventy per cent of all cases occur between December and May. It is distinctly a cold weather infection, seemingly brought by wintry blasts, but especially prevalent during the winter months only because its victims are rendered more susceptible at that time by exposure, debilitating influences and the presence of predisposing infections.

Pneumonia principally affects those at the extremes of life but no age is exempt. It is invariably a germ disease. The predisposing and exciting organisms are so numerous that it would be futile to attempt their enumeration. Many of them are constantly present in the mouths and throats of healthy persons and it is only through the aid which we unwittingly extend to them that they are transformed from harmless organisms to one of man's most powerful enemies.

The presence of other diseases is the great predisposing cause of pneumonia. They prepare the soil for invasion. Holding first rank in this category is influenza, the increased incidence of pneumonia at this time being largely due to the present epidemic of la grippe. Individuals suffering from this infection are peculiarly susceptible to respiratory complications and should properly observe every hygienic rule. Inflammation of the upper air passages, pharyngitis, bronchitis and tonsillitis, often predispose to the development of the disease, particularly among the aged and infirm. The acute contagious diseases of childhood, more especially measles and whooping cough, frequently prepare the way for pneumonia. Anyone who through neglect of carelessness permits the spread of these infections is open to the severest condemnation.

BERLIN

Messrs. Charles F. Roy, of Macdonaldton, and George Engle, of Berlin, were business callers to Somerset on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Brubaker are visiting their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. John Philson, of Johnstown.

B. J. Lynch, of Meyersdale, was a business caller to Berlin on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henderson and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Henderson entertained recently at "509" at the Henderson Hotel at Macdonaldton the following people: Mr. and Mrs. Ed. B. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. T. Norman, Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. George Carlisle, Misses Annabelle McQuade and Margaret Esken and Messrs. George Engle and Dr. C. C. Kalmetz, of Berlin; Miss McLaughlin, of Cumberland, and Miss Sarah Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henderson, Mr. Criser and R. H. Bennett, of Macdonaldton.

William Landis of Jerome is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Landis.

Miss Grace Arnold, of Lewistown, returned to her home Thursday after several weeks' visit with her sister, Mrs. Ingram.

A delightful sleighing party was held recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Deeter, in Allegheny township. After several very pleasant hours, a very enjoyable luncheon was served by Miss Grace Deeter, the hostess. Those present were: Misses Myrtle and Bertha Coughnour, Nelle Menges, Amelia Switzer, Loretta Engle, Mabel and Hazel Raab, Bessie Ellis, Carrie, Grace and Lillian Deeter, Olive Sarver, Nelle Deener, Grace Saylor and Ruth Taysman; Messrs. Edgar and Robert Sarver, Ellwood Thorpe, Clyde Walker, George Saylor, Carson Hauger, Sam Frazier, Homer Coughnour, Dewey Menges, Sam Deeter, Millard and Ira Coughnour and Norman Miller.

PLANETS IN CONJUNCTION

A beautiful sight Sunday evening was the conjunction of the planets, Jupiter and Venus, and they were observed by many persons seeming to stand out by themselves in the early part of the evening in the southwestern sky.

The brighter of the two is Venus, whose orbit lies between the Earth and Sun, while the planet to the south of Venus on last Sunday evening was the great Jupiter, which is easily eleven times greater in diameter than Venus or the earth and whose orbit is far outside of that of the earth, about three hundred and ninety millions miles.

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